Export of Tapioca Flour.

20. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is increased scarcity of food materials in the State consequent on the export of tapioca flour from the State at present when we do not get an adequate supply of rice and other food-stuffs?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The export of tapioca flour has been prohibited.

Profiteering in the sale of rice.

21 *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any information that rice is being sold at B. Rs. 8-15-8 per standard para in Mavelikara and whether they have taken any steps to proceed against these profiteers and punish them?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No.

Instances of profiteering when brought to their notice are dealt with by Government under the law.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware of the information published in the Travancore Government Gazette stating that rice is being sold at Mavelikara at Bh. Rs. 8-15-8 per standard para.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR. Instances of profiteering have come to the notice of Government and steps have been taken to prevent such practices.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: My question was "Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any information that rice is being sold at B. Rs. 8-15-8 per standard para in Mavelikara" etc. I want the answer to that question. I want to know also where the information appearing the Gazette came from.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It will be looked into.

Transfer of acting hands.

22. *MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the acting hands in Government service are allowed to claim T. A. when they are transferred from one place to another;

(*b*) whether they are given any joining time when they are transferred to distant places;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative whether the acting hands make the journey without any expense;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether an acting hand when relieved from the P. W. D. Office, Devicolam, to join duty in the P. W. D. Office, Nagercoil, will be able to report himself for duty the next day itself; and

(*e*) whether it is considered break of service according to T. S. R. if an acting hand takes joining time as in the case of permanent hands in Government service?

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